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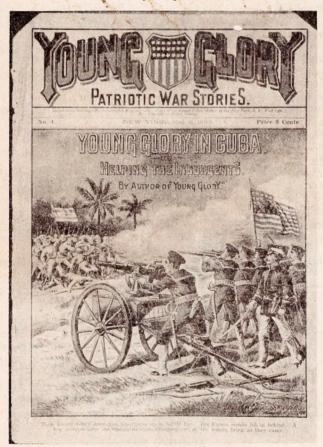
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DIME NOVEL SKETCHES #1

Young Glory was a short lived publication born with the Spanish-American War and expired at its close. Frank Tousey was the publisher. It was issued semi-monthly with the first issue dated March 25, 1898, the last, No. 19, Dec. 2, 1898. The covers are exceedingly colorful.

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Ralph F. Cummings gave me the part of the William J. Benners collection he had sorted out for me with the request that I write a few articles about it. These are the nom de plumes I found looking through notes, letters and lists of serials or titles of books. This job consumed slightly more than a year because I tried to check up on the accuracy of the Benners pseudonyms. I can assure the reader that there are few errors in this list. Not to confuse the reader I omit all references and statements about each nom de plume. I believe myself that Mr. Benners was pretty well accurate and that there are few errors in the list. If any one should want more information on a certain nom de plume he can write me and ask the required question.

True Name

Abarbanell, Jacob Ralph Aiken, Albert W. Atherton, Gertrude (Franklin)

Baer, Lucy A. (Used her husband's name in full or in part)

Benners, William James, Jr.

Blakelee, George E., Dr. Brame, Charlotte M. (Bertha M. Clay)

Burleigh, Cecil

Calhoun, Alfred R. Chase, Josephine, Miss

Comfort, Lucy Randall

Pseudonym

Ralph Royal, Artie Artful, Billy Bender Agille Penne

Frank Lin

K. F. Hill, rarely, Mrs. Kate F. Hill, Mrs. Benjamin Franklin Baer.

Eric Braddon, Bertha M. Clay, Wyne Winters

C. Leon Meredith, in Nickel Library

Mrs. May Wentworth, H. H., Helen Heathcote

D. W. Stevens, Sam Smiley, N. S. Wood. According to Mr. Benners' investigations Burleigh used about 40 pseudonyms.

Leon Edwards

Pauline Lester, Grace Gordon, Edith Bancroft, Al-

fred Raymond, Capt. Gordon Bates, Jessie Graham Flower, Amy T. V. Chalmers

Shirley Brown, Mrs. George Washington Willis, Leslie Thome, Helen Forest Graves

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Coryell, John R.

Cumier, Thomas J.

Dey, Fred(erick) M. Van Rensselaer Doughty, Francis W.

Durivage, Francis A. Ellis, Edward S.

Emmett, George Enton, Harry, Dr.

Esty, Mary R., Mrs.

Fawcett, Edgar Finn, Frank S. Fleming, May Agnes Francis, Mary A. O., Mrs.

Garvice, Charles Halsey, Harlan Page

Hanshew, Thomas W.

Harbaugh, Thomas Chalmers

Hayden, Sumner, Mrs. Henderson, Joseph F. Hough, E. H., Mrs. James, William I., Jr.

Jones, Emma Garrison Judson, Edward Z. C.

Kaler, James Otis

Kellogg, E. H., Lieut. Larbig, Etta Rogers, Mrs.

McKendry, Caroline Tucker, Mrs.

Mackey, John W.

Roger Starbuck, Guy Decker, Jack Ratlin Nick Carter, Milton Quarterly, Lucy May Russell, Lillian R. Drayton

Maurice Silingsby, An Old Trapper ? (Benners not sure)

Nick Carter, Marmaduke Dey, Old Cap Collier

A New York Detective, Harry Hammond for Tousey's Arm Chair. Created Old King Brady.

Ernest Blum

Lieut. (R(obert) H. Jayne, P.T. Barnum, Captain R. M. Hawthorne, Oscar Ellis

Ernest Brent, Corrie Conklin for S&S.

Noname, Harrigan & Hart, Hal Hildebrand, Old Cap Collier, Val Versatile, Police Captain Howard, Henry Harrison Haines, Hart Barnard

Clara Percy for George Munro's Fireside Companion, Hope Holly, Cora Lyan, Pearl Waters

Oscar Maitland, Karl Drury

Eve Lawless

Agnes E. St. John, Grace Barrington

Margaret Blount, Mary W. S. Gibson, Mary C. Vaughan? (not clear)

A. Price, Bertha M. Clay, A. B.

Originated Old Sleuth. Halsey Page, Old Ironsides, Louis Herbert. Tony Pastor

John(ny) Thompson, Police Captain Williams, Charlotte May Kingsley, A United States Detective for NormanMunro and Tousey. Gus Williams, Geraldine Fleming, Helen Compton Dale, Adah M. Howard, Maude A. Hilton, Dashing Charley, J. G. Bradley, Mrs. H. C. Hoffman, Arrah Leigh. Benners denies that Hanshew wrote as Bertha M. Clay An Old Salt for Red Raven Library. Major A. F. Grant, Capt. Howard Holmes, Capt. Charles Howard, Old Cap Collier, William Hall for Waverly Magazine, Jack Judson

Hattie Hateful

Edwin Emerson for Beadle

Eva Evergreen

Bertie Harcourt, Herbert Mooney, Berton Bertrew, Geraldine Fleming

Mrs. Schuyler Meserole, Geraldine Fleming

Ned Buntline, Reckless Ralph, Buffalo Bill, Julia Edwards, Edward Minturn, Clue Garnet

James Otis, Miss E(lla) M(ontez) Washburne, Adah M. Howard, both pseudonyms for Family Story Paper where he was editor until about 1880, Lottie Brown, Abigail Perkins for Boston Globe

El Aronal

Ettie Rogers for Tousey's Arm Chair, Geraldine Fleming, Etty St. Leon

M(ary) T. Caldor, Charles T. Manners, "Connie", Amethyst Wayne, Herman Burford for Street & Smith's Boys of the World

Dora Delmar for Fireside Companion

Manning, William H.

Merrill, James M.

Mott, Walter Fenton Musick, John Roy Nitsch, Helen Kestin, Mrs.

O'Sullivan, Dennis

Peck, William Henry

Phillips, Gus Prichard, Joseph Vila Rathborne (Harry) St. George

Robinson, John (Jonathan)

Rowlands, Effie Adelaide (She married Albanesi)

Shackleford, Harvey King Small, George G. Smith, Margaret Barrett

Smith, Philip Alison

Stanley, Charlotte M. Stearns, Frederick A.

Stearns, Frederick A., Jr.

Stuart, Margaret, Miss Taylor, Annie J. Duffele

Ten Eyck, Edward E. Urner, Nathan D. Van Orden, William

Howard Waggaman, May Teresa Webb, Charles Henry

Whiteley, Isabel Nixon,

Mrs. Williams, John W., Dr.

Winter, Elizabeth Campbell Elsie Snowe

Young, Ernest A.

Captain Mark Wilton, Ben D. Halliday, Jo Pierce, Major E. L. St. Vrain, Corporal Morris Hoyne Morris Redwing, Dayton Mulgrove, Will Winck,

Eva Alden Wicks, Lieut. Victor O. Endall

Walter Fenton, Old Sleuth, Henry Blair D. W. Stevens

Kate Vaughn Corp. Morgan Rattler, for Frank Tousey and Saturday Library

Howard W. Macy for Street & Smith. The New York Weekly has a fake biography of Macy. The portrait may be that of Peck if not false.

Oofty Gooft

Hart Barnard for Family Story Paper

Dash Dale, Lawrence Leslie, Harry St. George, Marline Manly, Mark Merrick, Alex Robertson,

Hovey Robinson, Mary E. Waite

Effie Raleigh

Harvey K. Ford

Bricktop, Peter Pad, Harrigan & Hart Hazel Wood for Tousey's Arm Chair

Philip Alison (Baseball reporter for old Brooklyn Eagle).

Girlie May, Geraldine Fleming

"Fred" for Bones stories in Golden Hours. Alice Dale for Family Story Paper

Later used only Albert Stearns. Continued Bones stories after death of father about 1895, Fred Thorpe

Grace Mortimer, Annie Ashmore

Elizabeth Stiles, Bina Wood, Christine McKenzie, Annie Lisle

Ed. Tom Teaser Burke Brentford

Paul Braddon, Howard DeVere, Orrin Goble, Police Captain Howard

Fannie Fairie for Saturday Night

Matt Marling, Jack Manley, Pierce Cutting, for Frank Leslie's Boys and Girls Weekly. Cogneteur, John Paul

Fannie Williams for Golden Days

James Brampton

Harry Rockwood, Nick Carter

Note: A name such as D. W. Stevens, N. S. Wood or J. G. Bradley, etc. were stock names. Some pseudonyms were shared as shown above.

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THE OLD HEN HOUSE

Sent in by G. J. McIntosh

While traveling through the country Peddling books and looking wise, You see some funny faces; You meet some funny guys.

The big hotels are costly,
And cosy, snug and warm,
But somehow they're not in it
With the comforts of the farm.

For instance, there's the hen house, As we used to say at home, Λ-looming in the garden Like a big cathedral dome;

It's not so very handsome, But still it has a charm, When I think of happy moments In the hen house on the farm.

It was there I kissed the hired girl Darned near every day; It was there I learnt to puff and puff

It was there I learnt to puff and puff At daddy's pipe of clay;

It was there my mother spanked me Till she nearly broke her arm, For swiping pie and eating it In the hen house on the farm.

It was there I used to sit and sleep So free from care and harm, Where I liked to read Dime Novels In the hen house on the farm.

-Author Unknown

SIXTY YEARS AGO

"John," said his maw, "You get up And go down to the store. Don't let me have to call you, Or to tell you any more.

I need some soap and bluing—
I must wash your father's clothes,
And yours, too, and your sister's,
The Great Goodness only knows.

Just what are boys a-coming to
In this wicked age and day?
It sure beats all Creation,
I never have seen the way

You're reading those colored novels, That five-cent trash. I vow You're coming to no good end Unless you quit them now.

Now get a move upon yourself, The way you mind's a crime; Go get those washing powders, I've told you the third time."

John laid aside his lurid Mag.,
And, mumbling as he went,
Dashed out the door to do the errand
On which he had been sent.

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-Gerald J. McIntosh

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